Location of hazardous chemical industries

591. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in Bombay and other metropolitan cities regarding location of hazardous chemical industries like the Union Carbide Plant at Bhopal;

(b) if so, what are the details of such industries; and the results of the survey; and

(c) what measures have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent Bhopal type tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) While some of the State Governments, like the Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat, had constituted Expert Committees to survey and inspect hazardous units, including some of those located in metropolitan cities, in these States, the Central Government set up an Inter-Ministerial Group to consider and review the measures required to be taken for control of hazards in the identified chemicals, pharmaceuticals and petrochemical units and to evolve a suitable system of monitoring. This Group had appointed Expert Groups to make a quick safety review of all the public sector undertakings and a cross section of private sector companies at various locations. These Expert Groups had surveyed these hazardous chemicals, petrochemicals and drug units and the Inter-Ministerial Group has submitted its recommendations to Government. The report includes, *inter alia*, guidelines on safety based on observations on existing practices to provide a technical reference to the management as well as the Statutory Inspection Authorities for ensuring safety in chemical and petrochemical units.

Dues to be recovered from DESU

592. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Financial Express of 3rd September, 1986 regarding NTPC dues from DESU;

(b) if so, whether the news is correct and what efforts have been made to realise the dues from the DESU; and

(c) how much amount still remains to be recovered from the DESU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to DESU, their liability towards Badarpur Thermal Power Station on account of power purchase upto 31-3-1986 is about Rs. 397 crores and not Rs. 436 crores. NTPC and the Government have been regularly pressing DESU to liquidate the outstandings.

(c) Amount to be paid by DESU to BTPS as on 30th September, 1986 is about Rs. 420 crores.

Amount due to NTPC

593. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many State Electricity Boards owe money to the NTPC;